

Economic Development Act of 1965, that the bill shall be considered as read for amendment; that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure now printed in the bill, modified by the Blackburn amendment placed at the desk, shall be considered as adopted; that all points of order against the bill, as amended, shall be waived; that the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate, and (2) one motion to recommit with or without instructions; and the Blackburn amendment shall be considered as read for purposes of this unanimous consent request.

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**Energy Policy Act of 2003:** Representative Markey announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 6, to enhance energy conservation and research and development, to provide for security and diversity in the energy supply for the American people.

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**Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act of 2003:** Representative Woolsey announced her intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1308, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to accelerate the increase in the refundability of the child tax credit.

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**Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003:** Representative Brown of Ohio announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a voluntary prescription drug benefit under the medicare program and to strengthen and improve the medicare program.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H9689.

**Senate Referral:** S. 300 was ordered held at the desk.

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**Adjournment:** The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:22 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### BLACKOUTS, HURRICANES, AND OTHER DISASTERS—EFFORTS TO PROTECT OUR MONEY

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Government and Industry Efforts to Protect Our Money During Blackouts, Hurricanes, and Other Disasters.” Testimony was heard from Wayne A. Abernathy, Assistant Secretary, Financial Institutions, Department of the Treasury; Mark W. Olson,

member, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; and public witnesses.

### FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS, FISCAL YEAR 2004

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing 1 hour of debate in the House on H.J. Res. 73, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2004, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit.

### OFFSHORING OF HIGH-SKILLED JOBS

*Committee on Small Business:* Held a hearing on the Offshoring of High-Skilled Jobs, Part II. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold a closed briefing regarding ongoing military operations and areas of key concern around the world, 9:30 a.m., SR–222.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine tax shelters, and the role of the Federal Government relative to the buying and selling of tax shelters, 10 a.m., SD–G50.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, with Annexes, done at Montego Bay, December 10, 1982 (the “Convention”), and the Agreement Relating to the Implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982, with Annex, adopted at New York, July 28, 1994 (the “Agreement”), and signed by the United States, subject to ratification, on July 29, 1994 (Treaty Doc. 103–39), 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion, to hold hearings to examine U.S. energy security relating to West Africa and Latin America, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine criminal terrorism investigations and prosecutions relating to national security, 10 a.m., SD–226.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry, hearing to review the United States National Arboretum, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Armed Services,* hearing on Operation Iraqi Freedom: Outside Perspectives, 8 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.